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SUBJECT: CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROGRAM FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES -
PRIORITY REGISTRATION DATES

REF: A. STATE 040705 B. HONG KONG 2847

1. REF A INDICATES PRIORITY REGISTRATION DATE FOR NPVS SHOULD BE DATE OF BIO CABLE SUBMITTED BY POST. REF B PARA 1 INDICATES PRIORITY REGISTRATION DATES FOR NPV 1 OCTOBER 1976, BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1977.

2. UNDER THIS SYSTEM, BANGKOK WOULD HAVE FEW, IF ANY REFUGEES ELIGIBLE FOR NPVS IN APRIL. ALL WOULD REQUIRE CE NUMBERS, AS WAS CASE IN MARCH.

IN ORDER TO CONSERVE AND MAXIMIZE USE OF CE NUMBERS, AND TO MOVE AS MANY QUALIFIED BOAT CASE REFUGEES AS POSSIBLE, VOLAG REP. REQUESTS CONSIDERATION OF FOLLOWING FORMULA TO ESTABLISH PRIORITY REGISTRATION DATE.

3. BOAT CASE REFUGEES ARE INTERVIEWED BY UNHCR SHORTLY AFTER
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ARRIVAL. UNHCR REFUGEE REGISTRATION FORM IS FILLED OUT AT THIS POINT, WITH A COPY SENT GOING AUTOMATICALLY, INTER ALIA, TO CONSULAR SECTION.

THIS FORM CONSTITUTES REFUGEE'S REQUEST FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THIRD COUNTRY. DATE FORM COMPLETED BY UNHCR REP. IS IN MANY RESPECTS MORE VALID AS REGISTRATION DATE THAN EMBASSY BIO CABLE DATE, WHICH OFTEN HAS BEEN SENT MANY WEEKS LATER. IN ADDITION, BANGKOK,

AS PER INSTRUCTIONS, CEASED SENDING BIO CABLES IN EARLY 1977.
UNDER EXISTING PROCEDURES, PRIORITY REGISTRATION DATES FOR REFUGEES
NOT BIO CABLED WOULD BE DATE OF COMPLETION OF I-590 - OR MARCH
1977 AT EARLIEST.

VOLAG REP. RECOMMENDS AND WE CONCUR THAT DATE ON UNHCR REFUGEE
REGISTRATION FORM BECOME PRIORITY REGISTRATION DATE FOR BOAT CASE
PROGRAM. PRECEDENT FOR THIS WOULD BE THE CUBAN PROGRAM WHERE THE
DATE OF ISSUANCE OF CUBAN PASSPORT BECAME THE RECONSTRUCTED
REGISTRATION DATE FOR CUBAN REFUGEES PROCESSING FOR CE AND NPVS
IN MADRID.

IF THIS APPROVED, IT WOULD PERMIT US TO MOVE MORE PEOPLE IN
APRIL AND SUCCEEDING MONTHS, USING CES FOR PAS AND NPVS FOR
ACCOMPANYING MINORS AND NON-BREADWINNERS. OTHERWISE, AT LEAST
IN BANGKOK, WE WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE TO USE CE NUMBERS FOR ALL
BOAT CASE REFUGEES FOR NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS.

BELIEVE ADOPTION THIS CHANGE IN PRIORITY REGISTRATION DATES
WOULD BE MORE EQUITABLE TO REFUGEES AND WOULD INCREASE EFFECTIVE-
NESS OF PROGRAM.

PLEASE ADVISE.
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